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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALABAMA

Baptist State Convention,

HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH,

GADSDEN ALA.,

JULY 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th,

1877.

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

MORNING SESSION.

GADSDEN, ALA., July 12, 1877.

The opening exercises were conducted by the Rev. O. F. Gregory, Pastor of the Eufaula Baptist Church.

A few words of welcome were addressed to the Delegates by Rev. S. H. Kinnebrew, the Pastor of Gadsden Baptist Church, and a response made by Rev. J. O'B. Lowery, of Mobile.

The President, Hon. Jon. Haralson, of Selma, called the Convention to order, the Secretary, B. B. Davis, of Montgomery, at the desk.

The following Delegates presented their names for enrollment :

ASSOCIATIONS.

Alabama—B. H. Crumpton, U. J. Crumpton, T. C. Watts, E. F. Baber, B. B. Davis.

Eufaula—J. A. B. Besson.

Coosa River—S. G. Jenkins, L. Law, W. Wilkes, J. L. Wilkes, S. B. Glazener, C. R. Cross, J. C. Wright.

Tallasehatchie and Ten Islands—J. A. Scott, J. A. Glen, J. T. Davis.

Bigbee—J. D. Cooke.

Cahaba—W. C. Ward, J. L. West, J. W. Stillwell, E. Q. Thornton, J. T. Dill.

Canaan—J. H. Weatherly, G. T. Lee, E. B. Waldrop, J. Grimes, R. W. Beck.

Pine Barren—B. F. Riley, B. J. Skinner, D. Palmer, D. D. Jones, C. J. Knight.

Tuskaloosa—J. F. Lanneau, J. H. Foster, J. B. Eddins.

Bethlehem—G. R. Farnham.

Cedar Bluff—F. M. Glazener, J. H. Glazener, R. F. Selman, J. W. Little, J. H. Wisdom, J. W. Slack.

Centennial—J. H. Hendon.

Warrior River—G. B. Wade, M. F. Cornelius, H. H. Mitchel, H. M. Cornelius, E. P. Mitchel, P. M. Musgrove.

Cherokee—J. B. Appleton, G. W. Wilcox, J. A. Reeves, W. J. Hodgins, H. R. Culberson, E. T. Nunnalee, A. J. Nunnalee, B. Bruce, H. B. Moore.

Cahaba Valley—J. A. Collins, P. S. Montgomery, Jno. Yarbrough.

CHURCHES.

Eufaula—O. F. Gregory, J. A. B. Besson.

Providence—L. Johnson, C. M. Cochran, Wm. Day.

Selma—W. C. Cleveland, Sumter Lea, R. H. Sterrett, J. W. Hudson, J. H. Burns.

Oxford—E. T. Smith, J. C. Wright, S. P. Gwin, Abner Williams, D. P. Goodhue.

Montgomery, 1st—J. C. Stratford, R. H. Molton, B. B. Davis.

Adams St., Montgomery—J. M. Falkner.

Ruhamah—J. McDonald, W. H. Wood, R. W. Beck, E. B. Waldrop, M. M. Wood.

Siloam—T. J. Dill, J. T. Murfee, A. Lawson, C. H. Skelton, B. M. Lide.

Friendship—R. J. Skinner.

Fellowship—C. J. Knight.

St. Francis St., Mobile—J. O'B. Lowery, A. A. Bush, Jr., Geo. Nason.

Palmetto St., Mobile—Z. A. Owens, G. A. Pearce.

Birmingham—N. F. Miles, E. Todd.

Gadsden—J. H. Kinnebrew, J. R. Foster, K. B. Kyle, J. R. Nowlin, J. T. Richardson.

Greenville—B. H. Crumpton, T. C. Watts.

Bethsaida, Wilcox Co.—B. F. Riley, D. D. Jones, D. Palmer.

Pleasant Hill, Dallas Co.—U. J. Crumpton.

Montevallo—W. B. Hare, H. C. Reynolds.

Ash Creek, Mt. Gilead, Shiloh and Bethany—E. F. Baber.

Union Springs—J. H. Hendon, G. Williams.

Big Spring, Harpersville, Shelby Co.—J. N. Prestridge, R. Posey.

Mt. Zion, Talladega Co.—J. L. Wilkes.

Mt. Zion, St. Clair Co.—Robt. Turner, T. D. Bradford, A. J. Nunnalee, T. V. B. Moore, J. H. Campbell.

Tuskaloosa—J. M. Dill, S. B. Foster.

Cahaba, Jefferson Co.—Jas. Martin.

Mt. Zion, Calhoun Co.—M. Woodruff, J. M. Crook, J. L. Green, W. H. Cooper.

Jacksonville—J. S. Dill, James Crook.

Ashville—J. A. Collins, P. S. Montgomery, R. Hodges, J. W. Inzer, W. T. Hodges.

Rehoboth, Wilcox Co.—W. B. Crumpton. + pastor

Alpine—S. Henderson.

Tallasehatchie—S. B. Glazener.

Munford—A. U. McCain, Jno. Pope.

Friendship, Russell county—L. C. Cooper.

Gainesville—J. E White C. D. Woodruff, B. D. Williams.

Rehoboth, Choctaw county—J. D. Cook.

Moulton—C. G. Lynch.

LIFE MEMBERS.

M. T. Sumner, E. T. Winkler, S. G. Jenkins, W. W. [illegible] C. C. Huckabee, Jon. Haralson, A. J. Waldrop, R. C. Keeble, S. Henderson, B. B. Davis, A. B. Goodhue.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Georgia Baptist State Convention—Rev. W. N. Chandoin, Rev. R. D. Mallory, Rev. G. A. Nunnalee, D. S. J. Whatley, Deacon C. O. Stillwell, J. W. Pullen, W. C. McCall.

Gulf Coast Association—J. O'B. Lowry.

OTHER BODIES.

Young Ladies' Helping Hand Society, Eufaula Church—O. F. Gregory.

Montevallo Baptist Ladies' Missionary Society—Miss Mary A. Lyman, Miss Nannie Reynolds.

Greenville Baptist Ladies Aid Society—T. C Watts.

Ladies' Missionary Society, Bethsaida Church—B. F. Riley.

Ladies Missionary Society, Center Ridge Church—B. F. Riley.

Ann Hasseltine Missionary Society, Judson Female Institute—L. R. Gwaltney.

Gainesvilles Ladies' Missionary Society —C. D. Woodruff.

Recognized the Rev. Dr. Sumner as the Agent of the Baptist Theological Seminary,

Invited Bro. J. A. Wiley to a seat in the convention.

On motion of Dr. Henderson the convention was organized by the

election by acclamation of the following officers to wit: Hon. Jon. Haralson, President; Prof. A. B. Goodhue, Secretary, and J. W. Hudson, Assistant Secretary. The former Secretary, Bro. B. B. Davis, having declined a re-election on account of ill health.

On motion leave was granted the Rev. T. J. Rutlege to lay before Convention the claims of the American Bible Society.

On motion, Resolved that we heartily approve the efforts of the American Bible Society to supply the destitute with the Word of God,and that our churches be recommended to co-operate with all the agencies in their several localities engaged in this important work.

The President announced the following standing committees, to wit:

On Preaching—The Pastor and Deacons of the Gadsden Baptist Church, C. C. Huckabee, R. H. Sterrett, J. McDaniel.

On Finance—G. F. Pearce, William Day, D. Palmer, S. B. Glazener, A. J. Nunnalee.

To nominate the remaining officers of the Convention—A. J. Waldrop, R. H. Molton, J. V. B. Moore, S. G. Jenkins, F. N. Miles.

To nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention — W. H. McIntosh, J. M. Falkner, A. P. Bush, Jr., J. Collins, N. M. Thornton.

To nominate State Mission Boards and Boards of Education---B. F. Riley, R. C. Keeble, E. Q. Thornton, Abner Williams U. J. Crumpton, J. M. Crook.

Referred the report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College to Committee on Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

To the Alabama State Baptist Convention:

During the past two years the financial condition of Howard College has remained about the same. The number of students in attendance during the scholastic year just closed, was 112, the same as for the preceding year. Of this number seven were Theological students. The young men have sustained the former reputation of Howard College students, by their gentlemanly decorum and close application to studies. The efficient instruction and high grade of scholarship which has characterized the work of Howard College for years past, has been maintained. A distinguished educator of another State, whose position warrants him in making the assertion, has

said that the grade of scholarship of Howard College is higher than than that of any other Southern college, with the exception of the University of Virginia. The efficacy of this work is further attested by the fact that our graduates and students have taken leading positions, almost without an exception.

By merit we expect to carry Howard College through the financial depression of the country, to a time when the ability and generosity of the denomination will make our flattering hopes of an endowment an acknowledged fact. So what your centennial effort has failed to do through a munificent endowment, must be accomplished by a character of work that will make our young men the peers of any. We do not propose to invite patronage by an abreviated curriculum, nor can we do so with the offer of free tuition ; but we feel assured that an appreciative public and those who are willing to pay for a superior order of education will always keep the halls of Howard College sufficiently filled to sustain an able faculty. All that your college now asks of you is your sons and your influence. These being given, the Baptists of Alabama will continue to have a college that they are justly proud of. At our last annual meeting the departments of law and the military were added to the college, neither of which will involve any pecuniary risk to the institution. The arms for the military were obtained by application to the Government. The terms of office of one division of the Board of Trustees will expire at this session of the Convention. The filling of these vacancies will claim your consideration.

WM W. WILKERSON, President.
Board of Trustees Howard College.

Referred the report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute to Committee on Education.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention :

You were informed by the last report of your Board that the Rev. L. R. Gwaltney, D. D., had been elected to, and had accepted the Presidency of this Institution. After a year's residence with us, Dr. Gwaltney has more than filled our high expectations. He has proven himself to be an accomplished and successful educator, a good disciplinarian, an executive of rare ability, and an indefatigable laborer in his efforts to build up the Judson and elevate the character of female education. By his justice, kind and gentle manners and untiring devotion to the improvement and comfort of his pupils, he has won their esteem and love. We congratulate our brethren on their good fortune in having secured the services of one so eminently fitted to discharge the highly responsible and arduous duties of the office.

Dr. Gwaltney has been assisted by a corps of teachers, accomplished and skilled, to instruct in the various departments. It has been his aim, in consultation with the Board, to employ teachers only of the first class.

During the past session the names of one hundred and twenty-nine pupils have been registered on the rolls. Ten young ladies, having completed the prescribed course of studies, received their diplomas on Commencement Day. In addition to these there was one Excelsior Graduate.

The examinations and the exercises of Commencement week, whether in the Department of Art, Music, Calisthenics, Ancient and Modern Languages, Literature, Mathematics or Natural Science, passed off to the entire satisfaction of the numerous friends and patrons who witnessed them, and elicited the highest commendations from learned and accomplished educators who were in attendance. The teachers in each department, having labored faithfully and unremittingly with their several classes, exhibited results of which they may well be proud.

The discipline of the Institution has been firm, though mild. By blending kindness with a wholesome strictness, the effort has been to induce pupils "to do right for right's sake." The deportment of the young ladies has been eminently satisfactory.

Calisthenic exercises have been daily practiced, with highly favorable results. By this means the physique has been developed, an ease and grace of movement, and an elegance of carriage attained, which are items of no small importance in female education.

Dr. Gwaltney, aided by the generous ladies of Marion, has entered upon the improvement of the grounds, and has accomplished much in that direction in laying off walks and planting shrubbery and flowers. This has already given an air of cheerfulness and a home-like appearance to the premises.

The health of the students has been good. No death, not even a case of serious sickness has occurred.

The pupils return home physically invigorated, with minds cultivated and manners polished and refined, to bless and make happy the hearts of their parents and friends, and to shed abroad in their respective communities that elevating, christianizing influence which women of high culture alone can disseminate.

The excellence of the Boarding Department (which will be conducted under the same management during the ensuing year) has been a theme of universal commendation.

The blessings of the Judson have been extended, not only to those who have been inmates of her walls, but to thousands of others, who, through the instrumentality of her daughters, have been the recipients of that high culture there imparted. In many of the first class institutions of our Southland, from Waco on the Brazos to Richmond on the James, are the Alumnæ of the Judson engaged, dis-

charging their duties with ability and fidelity, thus reflecting credit upon themselves and honor upon their Alma Mater, and benefitting the people among whom they reside.

To all who would have their daughters thoroughly educated, their manners accomplished and refined, and their wants and comforts supplied, the Trustees can, and do most cordially recommend the Judson, now, and we trust for many years to come, under the management and direction of the Christian gentleman, accomplished scholar, kind and skillful educator, and able and eloquent minister of Christ, Luther R. Gwaltney.

PORTER KING,
President Board of Trustees.

WM. H. FIQUET, Secretary.

MARION, ALA., July 9, 1877.

Made the report of the State Mission Board the special order for to-morrow at 10½ A. M.

Fixed the hours of meeting and adjournment at 9 and 12 A. M., 2 and 5 P. M., and 8½ and at will at night.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. B. H. Crompton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at 2 P. M. Prayer by Brother Timms.

Reconsideration of the action taken this morning in reference to the report of the *State Mission Board.*

Referred the report of the *State Mission Board* to a special committee consisting of W. C. Ward, J. H. Hendon, W. B. Crumpton, A. J. Waldrop, J. H. Kinnebrew, O. F. Gregory and E. F. Baber, with instructions to report at 3 P. M. to-morrow.

Made the report of Committee on *Home Missions* the special order at 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Invited, Rev. Dr. Sumner to address the Convention in the interests of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at 3 p. m.

Referred, the report of the managers of the *Alabama Baptist* to a special committee consisting of J. H. Foster, I. T. Tichenor, J. O'B. Lowery, W. C. Cleveland and R. B. Kyle.

Appointed, Delegates to Georgia Baptist State Convention, B. H. Crumpton, J. H. Kennebrew, J. W. Inzer, J. B. Hawthorne.

Appointed, committee to take into consideration the time and place of the next meeting of the Convention: R. C. Keeble, J. A. B. Besson, R. W. Beck, J. R. Nowlin and J. F. Lanneau.

Referred, the reports of the Treasurer of the Convention and the Treasurer of the Board of Education to Committee on Finance, to be audited.

The special order for 3 o'clock, to-wit, the consideration of the interests of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was called up and an address made by its agent, the Rev. Dr. Sumner. Cash collection $18.20.

Adopted, the following resolution offered by Gen. J. R. Foster, after dissension by Brethren Foster, Cleveland, Henderson, Wilkes, Huckabee and others, to-wit :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to devise, if possible, some more efficient means for the spread of the Gospel of Christ, not only among the African race of our own country, but among their kindred of other distant climes wherever to be found, and that said committee be instructed to report, if practicable, during the present session.

The President announced as the committee contemplated in the resolution, J. R. Foster, J. W. Inzer, S. Henderson, E. T. Winkler, N. S. McAffee.

The President appointed to fill vacancies in Committee on Sabbath Schools: T. B. Thames, J. W. Slack, T. D. Bradford, J. M. Dill, R. Hodges.

Made the report of Committee on Home Missions, the special order for 9½ a. m., to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. E. F. Baber.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Religious exercises, continuing one half hour, were conducted by Rev. S. G. Jenkins.

The special order for this hour, the report of the Committee on Home Missions, was called up, the report read by the Chairman, the Rev. J. O'B. Lowery, and the general subject of Home Missions discussed by Rev. Dr. McIntosh, Gen. J. R. Foster, Rev. J. O'B. Lowery, Rev. D. Tichenor, Rev. Dr. Winkler, and the report finally adopted.

By leave, cash subscriptions were taken and pledges made for Home Missions amounting so $199.60.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

The past history of our Board, with its pages of brightness and gloom, is a part of the history of Southern Baptists, and must ever be viewed as the handwriting of our God, encouraging us to renewed hope, admonishing us to renewed care and stimulating us to renewed exertion.

The present condition of the Board is, in many respects, very gratifying to its friends. It is practically *out of debt.* Its work is being honestly pressed, the limit to its exertions being fixed only by the liberality of Baptist churches and individuals. With increased contributions that work will be greatly enlarged. Eleven of its missionaries report two hundred and eighty conversions in connection with their labors. (It would be a source of unspeakable pleasure to eleven pastors in this, or any other State, to be able to report a like result attending their labors.)

Foundation work has been done, the value of which cannot be estimated. Encouragement to education, under religions influences, has been given; and the Indian, our creditor, is at last being recompensed, in part, for the losses which for centuries have been the white man's gain.

Independent, however, of these encouraging results, the Home Mission work of the S. B. C. commends itself to every lover of Christ and a pure Gospel, in Alabama. It is our peculiar trust. True, it belongs to every Southern Baptist; but as the Board is located in our midst, it is especially our duty to help it, as it is our privilege to cherish it.

The future of the work of this Board is indicated by its present condition, and is assured by the promises of God.

Let us labor and pray that the day may soon come when chains of Gospel stations shall bind the Atlantic and Pacific, and when this beautiful land of ours shall become a very garden of the Lord, bringing forth abundantly to the honor of Him who plants, waters and gives the increase.

J. O'B. LOWERY, Chairman.

Made the Report on State Missions the special order for 8½ to-night.

Gave the committee to which was referred the report of the managers of the *Alabama Baptist* time till 10 a. m., to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Foster.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Sumter Lea, Esq.

Adopted, the report of the committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention, as follows:

Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D., 1st Vice President.
Judge J. W. Inzer, 2d " "
S. H. Fowlkes, Esq., Treasurer.

Rev. S. R. Gwaltney, D. D., to preach introductory sermon next session. Rev. W. H. Williams, alternate.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

E. T. Winkler, J. H. Lea, W. W. Wilkerson, C. C. Huckabee, Porter King, John Moore, W. H. Fiquet, J. F. Bailey, J. B. Lovelace, J. B. Vaiden, J. T. Murfee, F. H. Hawks.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations was read by the Chairman, the Rev. B. J. Skinner, and discussed by Rev. Dr. Henderson, B. H. Crumpton, W. N. Chandoin, G. A. Nunnalee, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

So much information upon Foreign Missions has been so recently diffused among our people by the Board of our Southern Baptist Convention and through various other sources, that your committee feel that anything that they can say will be only a repetition of what has been already so ably said.

We have much to encourage us from the fields abroad, and much for us to deplore about our seeming indifference to this great work.

In China we have three stations, now occupied by eight American and seventeen native laborers. They have been successful in carrying the Word of God to these benighted people, and the Holy Spirit, we believe, has made that Word prove the power of God unto salvation to many souls.

Brethren David and Colley and five native assistants are doing a good work in Africa. This people stand ready for the reception of the truth as it is in Jesus.

In Italy the work is progressing in such a way as to inspire our hope that all that historic land will soon hear the Gospel as it was once preached by Saint Paul in their midst. Brother Taylor and eight faithful co-workers are breaking the Bread of Life to this once fearfully priest-ridden people. The work is developing gradually, but surely.

Our Foreign Mission work is indeed encouraging; but, brethren, are our responses to the calls and demands of this work sufficient to

satisfy our Christian convictions that we are fulfilling the command, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature?" The receipts from Alabama last year were largely below our *pro rata* share of contributions to the Board. It is to be deeply deplored that our people manifest such indifference to this important work of the Church.

Some of our missionaries are now absent from the field; when shall our contributions say to them return to thy labors. Brethren, as we see the sheaves being gathered for God in these heathen lands, shall not Alabama claim many of them as the reward of her services.

Your committee recommend that the pastors and churches all over our State be urged to devise and execute such plans as will bring this work into more vital contact with the hearts and sympathies of our people. We are glad to announce that contributions to the Board have increased since the meeting of our Southern Baptist Convention. God grant that they may ever increase until all the nations of this earth shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

B. J. SKINNER,
E. T. SMYTH,
J. S. DILL,
J. H. WEATHERLY.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Pastors and Deacons of all the churches to have the subject of Foreign Missions presented at least once a year, and a collection taken up for this enterprise.

The Report of the Committee on Education was presented by the Chairman, Sumter Lea, Esq., and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Constitution of the Alabama State Convention, in its ninth article, expresses in the most unequivocal terms that it claims and asserts "supreme control of any literary or theological institutions what has been or may hereafter be originated in this body." We claim the exclusive right to select for such institutions their Boards of Trustees. This evidences the exalted estimation in which the education of our youth is placed, and the jealous care with which we seek to guard these prime interests from any interference. No unhallowed hand shall ever be permitted to kindle strange fires on these sacred altars.

Thus we have assumed the gravest responsibilities, in the sight of our Master. We might have left these interests, as we do almost every other church interest, to the separate churches, or to individual enterprise; but we have not done so. Recognizing their paramount importance to the church; considering, and rightly considering, that the weal and prosperity of our denomination depended upon the character and success of our colleges, we have boldly claimed their supreme control, and are pledged by the most sacred pledges that their interest shall ever be fostered and nurtured by us as a denomi-

nation, or individuals or Christians. No argument or entreaty is needed to arouse the Baptists of Alabama to a full appreciation of the indispensible necessity for the highest degree of Christian culture and education for our sons and daughters. It is a tradition of the church, it is confessed by all; it is inscrutably written as one of the fundamental principles in our constitution.

What then can your committee say to you that has not already been said? What suggestions can we make on a subject so fully appreciated and understood? Nothing, Brethren, in that direction. But still the grand success which we might have most reasonably predicted for institutions, thus loved and embraced by so influential and powerful an association as the Alabama State Convention, has not been attained. Much has been done, thank God; but far more remains still to be done and must be done for the cause of education by the Baptists of Alabama, and that right early.

The reports of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute and the Howard College, referred to your committee, are highly gratifying and encouraging. These seminaries of learning are all that we could desire them to be. Every facility that the most advanced civilization can afford for the cultivation, elevation and advancement of the mental and moral characters of our children are here freely afforded, and on terms and conditions made to conform as near as may be to the condition of the times and so as to be within the reach of almost all of moderate means who desire these exalted advantages. "Why is it, why is it," we are continually asking ourselves, "that the halls of these colleges are not crowded with eager throngs of youths, male and female, seeking to drink deep draughts from these pierian springs so freely flowing?" Who shall give us a satisfactory answer? The question must be answered. The difficulty must be discovered and removed. Baptists of Alabama know full well, and they must act on that knowledge or be without excuse, that their children must be educated, it is our duty in sight of God. Our Institutions must be far more liberally patronized, we stand solemnly pledged to it. The price of tuition itself is but nominal, and the incident expenses as connected with our Institutions are as moderate, or even more moderate, than any other similar ones in the land, and their advantages no one will question for an instant, are fully equal to the very best.

While we are thus pledged as a convention to give our first love to these Institutions, directly under our fostering care, we would not fail to mention and take pride in other Baptist seminaries and high schools in the State. We claim an interest in them all. Our prayers and efforts should be given continuously for their greatest success and prosperity. Their prosperity is our prosperity, their success is ours; our objects and aims are one, we are together fighting the same great battle against common enemies,—Ignorance and Superstition. So we conclude, let this be our watchword, *educate our children.* Give

to each son and daughter, at any personal sacrrifice of care or comfort, of any and every interest, save honor and duty, a thorough, moral Christian training, such as are afforded by our Institutions, and we are constrained to believe that even other interests which are committed to the care of the Alabama Baptist State Convention will under the blessings of heaven take care of themselves. This duty faithfully performed renders the others most easy of accomplishment. We will be prepared better than now, even to beat back every assault upon our positions, every out post will be guarded by trained and drilled soldiers and our lines of battle filled with full panoplied warriors, will be invincible against any forces which all our enemies may bring against us. And as one by one we, as our fathers before have done, shall leave our labors and go to our rest, bequeathing our sacredly guarded traditions to our children, we may confidently expect that they shall assume our places and duties "firm in the faith," and shall rise up to call us blesssed.

Your committee would further report that the terms of office of the third division of the members of the Board of Trustees of Howard College exipres with the present session of this Convention. Your committee suggest the following names as suitable persons to fill the vacancies thus occasioned: M. W. Hand, Jno. F. Bailey, W. W. Wilkerson, D. M. Seale, Washington Wilkes, J. W. Inzer, Thadeus Watts, C. C. Huckabee, E. B. Teague.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

SUMTER LEA, Chairman.

Reconsidered the resolution making a special order for 8½ to-night.

Adjourned to 9 a. m., to-morrow, to giye an opportunity to hold a mass meeting to consider the subject of State Missions at 8½ to-night.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Appleton.

MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Religious exercises, continuing half an hour, were conducted by Rev. P. M. Musgrove.

The report of the committee to which was referred the report of the State Mission Board, was discussed by Rev. Dr. Henderson, E. F. Baber and others, and adopted. Cash received for the Board $59.20 and pledges made amounting to $1,463.30.

REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

At an early day after the last Convention the Board decided that it would not attempt, for the current year, to keep in the field more than one evangelist. The Rev. J. M. Baily was reappointed for that work throughout the State. He has prosecuted his evangelistic work with his accustomed activity, zeal and success; and his praise is in all the churches and associations where he has labored. We have had constant testimonials of the acceptability and good fruits of his services; and each year brings fresh and increasing evidence of his singular adaptation to this high calling.

One feature of the policy of the Board cannot be too earnestly insisted on, and it has been greatly blessed in some parts of the State as urged and expounded by our gifted evangelist, *namely*: the effort to organize every church on the principle of each church holding public service in their own house every Lord's day, and aiming together to study the word of God on the plan of the whole church old and young in the Sabbath School. We believe that we see encouragement in this, and it has already been attended with happy results. This effort should be continued, and if we shall be able to reach the desired end of inducing every church to assemble every Sabbath day, your Board believes that it would add fifty per cent. to our denominational strength and efficiency in all respects.

Our evangelist has labored under great difficulties. First, he has had in the main to collect his own salary. This has been very embarrassing, and possibly it has in some measure hindered his success. Second, the field has been so extensive that no one man could visit it efficiently, nor the half of it, in so short a time. Under these circumstances the enlargement of the work of your Board seems absolutely necessary. The former plan of having only one evangelist can no longer answer the heavy demands of the situation, therefore at a late meeting of the Board it was determined to recommend to the Convention such changes as may lead to successful enlargement, and in order to that the following resolutions was unanimously adopted, and are now submitted for the consideration of the Convention:

WHEREAS, It is the deep conviction of the Board, that the time has come for the enlargement of the work, your Board recommends,

First, That a corresponding secretary be appointed whose duty it shall be to raise funds, and put laborers in the field as quickly as the financial condition of the Board will justify.

Second, That the Secretary may be untramelled in his work, the means of his support will be raised at this Convention.

Third, That associations be grouped together, four or more forming a district, and that a laborer be placed in each district, whose support, we believe, under the efforts of the Secretary, may be raised from the field of labor.

Fourth, That the Board require its missionaries to represent as far as possible all the interests fostered by this Convention.

Fifth, That the pastors of our churches be earnestly requested to keep our State Mission work prominently before their churches, and that they engage in evangelistic labors as far as they possibly can consistently with their duties to their several charges; and in order to this the ministers in the several associations be further requested whenever practicable to form themselves into parties of two and two and thus perform all the evangelical work in their power in their respective associations, and that they are urged to explain the work of our board and secure assistance for it.

It is now the earnest wish of the Board that the Convention will adopt the above resolutions, appoint the corresponding secretary and provide his salary. This done and we feel confident that during the next year we shall be enabled to do a great work.

We here incorporate in our report the statistical report of our Evangelist for the whole year. He would have been pleased to have made a full report of incidents, but this seemed impracticable.

REPORT OF THE LABORS OF L. M. BAILEY DURING THE CONVENTIONAL YEAR.

Sermons delivered	131
S. S. Addresses	104
Subscribers to *Alabama Baptist*	200
Letters written	120
Miles traveled	5,192
Collections for State Board	$1,403.13
" " Foreign Board	42.00
" " Home Board	18.00
" " Howard College	204 00
Associations attended	8
Protracted meetings	2
Baptized	27
Received by Letter	3
Traveling expenses	$186.00
Sabbath Schools organized	40
Collection for Theological Seminary	$18.00
Churches aided in see-pastors	4
Post., St. and Express	$6.00

Your Board wish to invite special attention to the amount of labor performed by our missionary, as shown in the above report, for the general objects of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. D. RENFROE,
President of the Board.

TALLADEGA, ALA., July 7, 1877.

Adopted the report of the committee to nominate State Mission Board and Board of Education, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO WHICH WAS REFERRED THE REPORT OF STATE MISSION BOARD.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

The committee appointed to consider the Report of the State Mission Board submit the following. The statements of the Report and the plans proposed are so clearly presented, and appear to be so wise and practicable, that there was little for your committee to do. Your committee recommend the adoption, without modification, of all the resolutions contained in the Report. The ability of pastors to engage in evangelical labor, and the extent of their desire to save souls, will measure necessarily the amount of such work they will do. The recommendation of the appointment by this Convention of a Corresponding Secretary is most significant and important. It foreshadows earnest, permanent, organized and energetic work. It evidences that the able brethren of the State Board have realized, in all its dimensions, the magnitude and vital importance of the work undertaken by this Convention, through its Board, of evangelizing, instructing, unifying and awakening the vast, but scattered, multitudes of the Baptists of Alabama. In the beginning the Board meant to do a very modest thing. The necessity to do a *great* vork has been demonstrated, and with the necessity has come the desire that it be done. Will the Convention prove equal to the task? That the Secretary may be relieved of every appearance of serving a mere personal end, he must be able to appeal for means, not for himself, but the Board, that more laborers may be sent into the field. Hence the Convention should now not only appoint the Corresponding Secretary, but should raise his salary. The Central idea of the plan proposed is that the destitute places may be supplied. With the means once at their command, it will be an easy matter for the Board to group the associations into districts and appoint an efficient evangelist for each district. To this end the several associations composing each district may be invited to co-operate with the State Board, and by supplementing the amount in the hands of the Board with the means raised to support evangelistic labor within their own bounds, evangelists of a better order might be procured and sustained for a longer period. This plan would induce greater economy and efficiency. Evangelists distinguished alike for piety and ability would be selected. The masses thus brought into contact with the greatest of all influences for good, the living, active educator would be awakened to a more enlightened and enlarged view of the Word of God and stimulated to expect a higher order of capacity than that to which they have been accustomed. Each evangelist would be a colporteur for the dissemination of religious knowledge, an agent for the circulation of our State paper and a representative of all the enterprises of the Convention. The dispirited would be strengthened and the dispersed brought into close sympathy with the great body of Baptists. There is strength in unity. Two agreeing

and acting in unison are stronger than many not moved by a common impulse. Your committee cannot close this report without emphasizing that the work of the State Mission Board *is the great work of the Convention.* Doing much for this Board is doing more for all the other enterprises of the denomination.

W. C. WARD, Chairman.

Adopted the Report of the Committee on Preaching, as follows:

Saturday, 11 a. m., Methodist Church, Rev. W. N. Chandoin.

Saturday, 8½ p. m., Methodist Church, Rev. Rollin Mallory.

Sunday, 11 a. m., Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Winkler.

Sunday, 8½ p. m., Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Tichenor.

Sunday, 11 a. m., Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Gwaltney.

Sunday, 8¼ p. m., Methodist Church, Rev. G. A. Nunnalee.

Sunday, 11 a. m., Old School Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. O'B. Lowery.

Sunday, 8½ p. m., Old School Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. H. Hendon.

Sunday, 11 a. m., Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. B. F. Riley.

Sunday, 8½ p. m., Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. B. H. Crumpton.

Sunday, 11 a. m., Colored Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. McIntosh.

Sunday, 8½ p. m., Colored Baptist Church, Rev. S. G. Jenkins.

Sunday, 11 a. m., Colored Methodist Church, Rev. W. Wilkes.

Sunday, 8½ p. m., Colored Methodist Church. Rev. T. M. Bailey.

Sunday, 5½ p. m., Street Preaching, in the grove near the Baptist Church, Rev. O. F. Gregory.

Sunday, 9 a. m., Sunday School mass meeting at Baptist Church, addressed by Rev. T. M. Bailey, Rev. W. S. Rogers, Rev. J. H. Hendon, Rev. G. A. Pearce, Sumter Lea, Esq., Capt. W. C. Ward, Rev. W. N. Chandoin and others.

Rev. T. M. Bailey was unanimously elected Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board.

The report of the committee to which was referred the reports of the managers of the *Alabama Baptist* was read by its Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Foster, and pending the consideration of it the Convention adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tichenor.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. E. T. Smyth.

Suspended the regular order of business.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention tenders its thanks to the members of the Gadsden Baptist Church, and to the friends in this vicinity, for their most liberal hospitality and kind attention paid to the delegates to this body; to the several churches that have tendered the use of their pulpits; also, to the Superintendents of such railroads and Captains of such steamboats as have given reduced rates of fare.

The report of the committee to nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention was amended by adding the names of the members of the committee and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

Your Committee suggest the following names, to-wit: P. M. Musgrove, W. C. Cleveland, J. W. Inzer, J. Haralson, J. W. Hudson, W. C. Ward, E. T. Winkler, T. M. Bailey, M. T. Sumner, Porter King, C. C. Huckabee, O. F. Gregory, E. T. Smyth, D. D. Draper, Abner Williams, S. Henderson, J. J. D. Renfroe, W. Wilkes, E. B. Teague, John Prestridge, J. B. Hawthorne, B. B. Davis, R. H. Moulton, W. H. Williams, J. H. Fostor, J. B. Eddins, J. E. White, W. H. Thornton, B. H. Crumpton, A. J. Waldrop, W. H. Wood, B. F. Riley, J. W. Hale, N. B. Williams, R. C. Keeble, I. T. Tichenor, R. B. Kyle, J. H Kinnebrew, J. B. Lovelace, B. W. Bussey, Jas. Crook, J. O'B. Lowry, L. W. Lawler, J. L. West, D. B. Roby, J. S. Paullin, W. N. Reeve, J. B. Gray, B. W. Whilden, J. A. Owens, J. Hendon, J. A. Wilson, L. L. Fox, D. B. Edwards, C. D. Woodruff, W. Ashcraft, E. Y. Van Hoose, P. M. Callaway, E. F. Baber, J. B. Appleton, U. J. Crumpton, C. W. Haw, J. K. Hawthorne, R. H. Sterrett, J. H. Glazener, J. R. Foster, J. Foster, L. Law, H. C. Taul, G. C. E. Brewer, P. S. Montgomery, R. J. Waldrop, P. H. Duncan, W. H. Wood, G. W. Wilcox, N. Appleton, J. Gunn, R. W. Beck, J. D. Truss, V. B. Moore, E. B. Waldrop, M M. Wood, Sumter Lea J. H. Weatherly, J. A. Franklin, A. P. Bush, Jr., J. Collins, N. M. Thornton, W. H. McIntosh, L. R. Gwaltney, J. M. Falkner.

Your committee on the Report of the Board of Managers of the *Alabama Baptist* report:

The Board of Managers give notice of the transfer of the editorial and the fiscal management of the paper to Rev. J. L. West. This arrangement, partly from misapprehension and partly

from want of acquaintance with Brother West, fails to give entire satisfaction to the delegates composing this body. In the hope of doing justice to all parties, and securing harmony in the Convention on a subject of such vital interest, your committee have had a full and satisfactory conference with Dr. Winkler, on the part of the Board of Managers, and Brother West, the second party to the contract, presented by the Board. It is due to these brethren that we should state, and we take great pleasure in stating, that they have manifested a conservative spirit worthy of the highest commendation, and have, at personal sacrifice, materially aided us in the delicate work assigned to us, so that we are now able to present the whole matter of the paper in what appears to us, for the present, the very best possible form. As the result of these deliberations, such modifications of the contract are now fully agreed upon by the parties concerned (awaiting only your sanction) as will retain the proprietorship and control of the paper in the Convention. Brother West, publishing such a paper as is prescribed in the original contract, and receiving compensation according to the stipulations of that paper and as will place Rev. E. T. Winkler, Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe and Rev. John L. West in the editorial chair, with the authority to select such corresponding editors as they may desire, it being understood and desired that Dr. Winkler will hereafter, as heretofore, exercise the editorial supervision of the paper.

Your committee cannot close this report without expressing their very high appreciation of the unrequited labors of the editorial corps, who have so nobly, and under so many discouragements, borne the heat and burdens of the day in this enterprise, so essential to the development and direction of the working forces of our denomination, as well as our high appreciation of the faithful services of Dr. W. W. Wilkerson, who, at great personal sacrifice and pecuniary risk, has, from the beginning up to the present, conducted with distinguished success the business management of the paper. Nor can we close without expressing the earnest hope that our brethren from every quarter of the State will rally with renewed zeal to the support of our *Alabama Baptist*, which from its incipiency has ranked by the side of the best religious papers of the country, and which has all along been recognized as "an imperative necessity."

Respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA H. FOSTER,
J. T. TICHENOR,
J. O'B. LOWERY,
W. C. CLEVELAND,
R. B. KYLE,
Committee.

Elected Corresponding Editors of the *Alabama Baptist*, S. Henderson, W. O. Cleveland, J. O'B. Lowery, W. H. Williams, E. B. Teague, J. B. Hawthorne, O. F. Gregory, T. M. Bailey.

The Chair announced the following standing committees, to-wit:

On Foreign Missions—O. F. Gregory, J. A. Collins, H. R. Culberson, J. C. Stratford, G. R. Farnham, L. Law, James Crook.

Education—B. F. Riley, J. B. Appleton, J. H. Weatherly, Jefferson Faulkner, Jr., E. B. Waldrop, P. M. Musgrove, T. B Thames.

State Missions—Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe, Rev. E. T. Smyth, S. Henderson, W. T. Cleveland, J. H. Joiner, W. R. Stone, J, B. Merriam.

Home Missions—J. H. Kinnebrew, E. F. Baber, J. E. White, J. B. Merriam, W. Hale, C. J. Knight, P. S. Montgomery.

Sabbath Schools—W. Wilkes, R. H. Sterrett, Z. A. Owens, J. N. Prestridge, Devotie Jones, J. H. Hendon, Thaddeus Watts.

The Report of the Committtee on Sunday Schools was presented the Chairman, Rev. W. S. Rogers, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools are happy to report the Sunday School cause within the bounds of the Convention in a prosperous condition. The work is engaging more and more the sympathies of the denomination.

Old prejudices, which have long lingered in some of our rural sections are rapidly fading away before the effulgent rays of an enlightened christianity, and the brethren in such localities are becoming earnest workers.

The true idea of the Sunday School and its work is now generally understood and appreciated. Our brethren have read, talked, written and preached on the subject until they have a well defined idea of the Sunday School in all its phases, and as a consequence our Sunday Schools are organized on a firmer basis.

Our Sunday School workers are laboring more diligently than ever before. They have felt the importance of the work and the great responsibility resting upon them, and have gone to work to educate themselves for their mission.

These are encouraging facts, and should stimulate us to greater exertions. There is a vast work to do yet. Many of our people have no just conception of what a Sunday School should be. Many good people have such erroneous notions of the Sunday School work as to prevent them from engaging in this labor of love. Many who advocate Sunday Schools do not appreciate their great importance. Many of our churches have no Sunday Schools, and many of our Sunday Schools are so badly organized that they are inefficient and we cannot hope for any well-ripened fruit from them. This brief survey is enough to indicate the vastness of the work which lies before us yet to be done.

There is a necessity resting upon us to meet these demands. Our

State Evangelist, Brother T. M. Bailey, has done and is still doing much to meet these demands. Wherever he has gone he has carried the true idea of the Sunday Schools, and organized them on the right basis where this was needed. He has organized forty schools during the last conventional year, and has given the work a new impetus wherever he has traveled.

But the untiring, indefatigable evangelist is not sufficient for the task which lies before him, nor would a dozen others, equally as laborious, be sufficient. What we want is, for the great brotherhood of the State, old and young, brethren and sisters, to take hold of the work and *work*. Could we but get our brethren universally to realize the importance of early religious impressions, and the worth of souls, and the great responsibility resting upon them as constituents of the Church of Christ, to know, and feeling the saving, sanctifying and truths of the Gospel, they would go to work with an earnestness which would soon bring a new era, so glorious and so brilliant that we should look back upon our present and regard it as a dark period in the history of God's people.

Knowing how potent for good Sunday School mass meetings are, and how well adapted they are to meet many of the felt needs in the Sunday School work, we recommend our brethren to hold such meetings frequently.

We regard the Sunday School work as one of the most important interests fostered by our State Mission Board, and hope the Board will continue to give prominence to it, and press its claims upon the attention of our churches.

We cannot close this report without heartily recommending *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga., under the auspices of the Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. ROGERS, Chairman Com.

The report of the committee appointed to devise some more efficient means for the instruction of the colored people was presented, discussed and the further consideration of it postponed until to-night.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. White.

NIGHT SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8½ P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Reeves.

The report pending at adjournment was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE AFRICAN RACE.

We are gratified to note some recent changes in the relations of the white and colored races, which once more bring the colored people within our religious influence. The alienation which sundry influences had effected, soon after their emancipation, we believe is passing away, and the obligation on our part to supply them with religious instruction is asserting itself with some of its wonted power. While they were slaves it was a gratifying fact that a larger proportion of them were professors of Christianity than of any other people to whom we had ever sent the Gospel, so that whatever may be said of the right or wrong of slavery, in itself considered, the final award of history cannot be otherwise than this: that brightest page in the history of the Negro race which has ever been written will be furnished from these Southern States.

Resumed the regular order of business.

Adopted the report of the committee to which was referred the Report of the Managers of the *Alabama Baptist*, as follows:

Recognizing the obligation of the past, and accepting the responsibilities of the present, we feel that whatever Christian philanthropy suggests, in the way of evangelizing any people, now exists in its fullest force in regard to this race. They are at our doors; they work our fields; they are enfranchised citizens of our country, and are sharers with us of the burdens and privileges of a common Government. We therefore suggest:

First. That as a missionary field the colored race amongst us has claims in many respects paramount to all others, except our own people.

Second. That we stand ready to co-operate with all judicious agencies from all sources which contemplate the mental, moral and religious improvement of this people.

Third. That the encouragement of ministerial education among the colored preachers is especially binding upon us by all the methods in our power, as they are mainly dependent on their own pastors for their future religious development.

Fourth, That five of the delegates of this Convention be appointed to attend the Colored Baptist Convention of Alabama for the purpose of extending to that body our kindest sympathies in their work, and offering them such co-operation as we may be able to give, in the way of evangelizing their race and educating their ministers.

Fifth, That as colored ministers are better adapted to the work of preaching to colored people here and elsewhere, we stand ready to aid in any practical method every effort to prepare them for the great work, both at home and abroad.

Sixth, That a committee on the evangelization colored people be enrolled among the standing committees of this Convention.

IRA R. FOSTER, Chairman.

The Chair named the following persons to attend the Colored Baptist State Convention of Alabama as provided in the above report, to wit: I. R. Foster, Rev. Dr. Henderson, N. S. McAffee, W. Wilkes, Rev. Dr. Tichenor.

W. C. Ward proposed to amend the Constitution by inserting the word State just before the word Foreign in the 8th article, so that the article, if amended, will read, "The business of this Convention shall be to encourage and promote, by all proper means, the following objects, viz.: State, Foreign and Domestic and Indian Missions," &c.

A. B. Goodhue proposed to amend the Constitution by striking out from the first article all after the phrase, "From Baptist Associations and Churches," so that the said article, if amended, will read as follows: "This body shall be known by the name of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, and shall be composed of delegates from Baptist Associations and Churches."

The Chair announced the following standing committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People: J. W. Inzer, E. T. Smyth, J. J. D. Renfro, C. C. Huckabee, C. D. Woodruff, B. Bruce, J. R. Nunnalee.

Adopted the following, offered by Rev. O. F. Gregory, to-wit:

Believing, without doubt, that woman has a large place to fill, and a prominent work to perform, in the redemptive economy of grace in Christ, and believing as fully that she has not in time past occupied that position according to her calling of God, the good of her own and of the other sex, and believing no less that all have sustained loss of much help that might have been realized for the cause of Christ at home and abroad had woman participated in this work according to her ability; therefore,

Resolved 1st, That we hail with gladness the dawn of the day for the uprising and going forth of God's help for man, in the mission work of salvation for our world.

2d, That we bid God speed to the woman's mission to woman, as meeting a special demand of the time for Christian labor on behalf of woman, without whose elevation man, if converted to Christ, is only half saved.

3d, That we recommend the formation, in all our churches, of woman's societies, to aid, not only in the work of Foreign Missions, but also for Home Missions and Educacion, for none can do this so well as woman. Woman calls to woman, and looks to her sisters for a response of loving Christian devotion to come to her relief.

Adopted the report of the committee on the time and place of the next meeting of the Convention, as follows:

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns it will adjourn to

meet on Thursday before the third Sunday in July, 1878, with the Talladega Baptist Church.

Report of Finance Committee adopted, as follows:

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The reports of the Treasurer of the Educational Board and of the Treasurer of the Convention, referred to this committee, have been examined, found correct, and we recommend their adoption.

Funds have been received as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

From	Home Missions...	Indian Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions...	Southern Baptist Theo. Seminary.	Minutes, &c....	Totals . . . .
Ann Hasseltine Society.	7.80		38.15				45.95
Public Collections..		50.60		59.20	18.20		128.00
C. R. Cross			5.00				5.00
T. C. Watts						1.00	1.00
Mrs. H. E. Reynolds		25.00	25.00				50.00
Gadsden Church	4.00		4.00				8.00
Union Springs Church.						2.50	2.50
Providence Church						5.00	5.00
Ashville Church						2.50	2.50
Big Springs (Harpersville) Church. .						2.50	2.50
Palmetto Street Church.						1.00	1.00
Mt. Gilead Church						.75	.75
Ash Creek Church.						.50	.50
Bethany Church.						.50	.50
Shiloh (Dallas) Church						.50	.50
Totals.	11.80	75.60	72.15	59.20	18.20	16.75	253.70

Respectfully, GEO. A. PEARCE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

S. H. FOWLKES, TREASURER.

In Account with *Alabama Baptist State Convention.*

1876.	FOREIGN MISSION.	DR.	CR.
July 18	To cash from Finance Committee	$227.05	
	CR.		
Sept. 19	By H. A. Tupper, Cor. Sec'y, receipt.		$200.00
	" " " " "		27.05
		$227.05	$227.05
	HOME MISSION.		
July 18	To amount from Finance Committee.	$22.05	
	CR.		
Sept. 18	By W. H. McIntosh, Cor. Sec'y, receipt		$22 05
		$22.05	$22.05
	STATE MISSION BOARD.		
July 18	To amount from Finance Committee	$59.60	
	CR.		
July 15	By T. M. Bailey, F. Agent, receipt		$59.60
		$59.60	$59.60
	CONVENTIONAL PURPOSES.		
July 12	To amount reported by Finance Committee.	$3.00	
	Balance.	7.60	
	CR.		
July 12	By amount overpaid—see last report on this account		$7.60
	" No. cash or bonds sent me by Finance Committee .		3.00
		$10.60	$10.60

To the President and Members of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

BRETHREN: Above I submit my annual report as Treasurer of your body, showing the amounts received and disbursed for the various benevolent objects since your lost meeting. There still remains a balance due the Treasurer of $7.60, overpaid by him on general purpose account.

Very respectfully submitted.

S. H. FOWLKES, Treasurer.

MARION, ALA, July 9, 1877.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

BENJ. B. DAVIS, TREASURER.

In Account with *Educational Board A. B. S. C.*

DR.

To balance on hand per last report.		$65.65
To amount received from Alabama Association.	$36.25	
To amount received from Tuskegee Association	15.00	
To amount received from Centennial Association.	1.00	
To amount received from Eufaula Association..	82.00	
To amount received from First Baptist Church, Montgomery . .	6.20	
To amount received from First Baptist Church, Montgomery . .	30.05	
To amount received from S. S. of First Baptist Church, Montg'y	8.67	
To amount received from L. B. Society, Town Creek Church . . .	2.10	
To amount received from Rev. T. D. Robey..	1.00	
To amount received from Cahaba Association.	80.00	$262.27
		$327.92

CR.

By amount paid G. D. Bancroft, Treas. acc't J. L. Howard . .	$65.65	
By amount paid B. H. Crumpton on acc't J. L. Taylor	30.00	
By amount paid J. B. Lovelace, Treasurer, on acc't Bro. Hale acc't Eufaula Association	82.00	
By amount paid J. B. Lovelace, Treas., on acc't Ezra C. Pluin	67.00	
By amount paid J. B. Lovelace, acc't J. L. Howard acc't of '76	3.27	
By amount paid J. B. Lovelace, acc't of Bro. Huckabee . . .	15.00	
By amount paid J. B. Lovelace, acc't of Bro. Moseley	65.00	$327.92

Referred all unfinished business to the Board of Directors.

Adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. W. Wilkes, to meet in Talladega, on Thursday before the third Sunday in July, 1878.

JONATHAN HARALSON, President.

A. B. GOODHUE, Secretary.

J. W. HUDSON, Assistant Secretary.

JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE,

MARION, ALABAMA.

The Forty-First Annual Session began the First Day of October. There is a full Corps of Experienced Teachers. Miss Julia Spear has returned to the position which she so long adorned. She has taught Art for many years with eminent success, and has no superior in her Department.

Professor and Mrs. Heinrich, in the Department of Music, have more than fulfilled the high expectations which their testimonials had excited. Parents who desire the best Music instruction for their daughters, may feel assured that such instruction can be had at the JUDSON. All the teachers are earnest and efficient.

THE DISCIPLINE

is kind, firm, faithful. It seeks the formation of character as the highest earthly good, and in seeking this constantly appeals to conscience, to the sense of duty, the sense of right.

THE BOARDING DEPARTMENT

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